



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Since the last newsletter I have fished a little, attended the May outing, have gone to a few Tuesday gatherings, and we now have multiple opportunities for members to participate in June activities. We didn't even find out about a couple of the events until the May outing or later.

At the end of April, I set out on a trip to The Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. The first four days of the trip were spent with family. I was accompanied by my mom and we met my cousin and his family in Pigeon Forge, TN. We did some tourist things, including a day at Dollywood. The young kids and the big kids all had a lot of fun! They all left Wednesday morning for the trip back to Missouri.

That same morning I was met by my dad, Doug Grove, and Uldis Pironis. It was now the fishing crew's turn in TN. Our first afternoon of fishing was as much exploring as it was fishing. It gave us a place to go back to on another day.

Thursday I had booked a half day float trip on the Tuckasegee River in North Carolina, just on the other side of The Smokies. This, of course, had to be the day that it rained all day. There are no cancellations for rain, so we pressed on with the adventure. The hits were few, but our guides worked hard to get us on fish. After the guide trip was done, and a quick stop back at the fly shop, we headed to an area of the river they called the "Meat Market" to fish. Wouldn't you know, a group of six more people showed up to fish there about the same time. This really limited the area we had to work with. My dad and Uldis decided to head back in one vehicle, while Doug and I continued to fish longer. The group of six finally departed and we had some room to move around. Doug struck gold on the advice from the fly shop to use a white squirmy worm. I think he tallied 7 or 8 fish while at the "Meat Market".

We made the decision to fish the stretch of river inside Gatlinburg, TN on Friday. This portion is stocked every Thursday and produces a larger average sized fish. Doug once again was the star of the show catching a nice rainbow that was around 16 inches plus. I ended up catching half a dozen rainbows on the day. Uldis did some scouting around and found the area we should have fished. He said it had a good area to fish and easier access. A spot for next time, I guess.

On our last day of fishing, we went back to the area we had found on Wednesday. There was a good flow that went into a deeper pool. This is where I did my best; I caught both rainbows

and browns in this area. Dries and Droppers each had some success. You can't come to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park expecting to catch a lot of large fish, but you can come for a quality experience. This trip helped us get a little more familiar with the area and made me realize that we didn't even scratch the surface of fishing locations in the National Park. I'll be back!!



Fish On, Greg Curtin

MAY OUTING

The May outing was a huge success! Just ask my belly. Thank you to everyone for helping out and bringing some great dishes and desserts. Thank you to JoAnne Pironis, Jack Kramer, Jerry Kemple, Rick Thom, and Phil Curtin for frying all the wonderful fish, french fries, and onion rings. Also, a special thanks to Phil and Ann Curtin for prepping the fish, fries, and rings. Thanks to Mike Dean and his double basket fryer, we had four frying areas going at all times. I'm looking forward to the June outing. Thanks All, Greg.



Caught by Steve Peters



Caught by Denis Stieferman. If you look closely, you will see the fly that caught this nice one was tied at one of our winter sessions.

JUNE IS GOING TO BE BUSY

There are a lot of club activities going on in June and this is where we could use everyone's help.

*-June 1, the first Thursday of the month, is normally one of the days we go up to the VA hospital in Columbia. This time they will be coming to us. The event will be at Binder Park. *****JERRY KEMPLE will be calling you with more details on this event. Make sure to ask about time, location, fishing, and food/prep. I told him we need to know in the next couple days to get the word out in the newsletter.*

-June 3, The Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) sent out an email to all of its affiliate members asking if they would like to participate at the Lifetime Members Appreciation Banquet. It is being held in Rhineland, MO (near Hermann) from about 3:30 - 8 pm. They are looking to set up interactive stations for the lifetime members to participate in. If anyone is interested in putting on a fly tying demonstration, please let me know. They will provide two meals at the event. That could be two individual club members, or one club member and their spouse. A reply is requested before May 30th, so if you are interested, please let me know.

-June 10, is the Kid's Fishing Derby at Binder Park. We will be there to assist in the success of the event. We are looking to have at least 15 members there to help. That means we could really use about 5 more names on the list. If you have a little time to spare the morning of June 10th, we need you.

Details:

Location: Binder Park Pavilion

Registration: 7-8 am

4 age groups for fishing contest

3 age groups for casting contest

First 100 to register will receive a ticket for a free Zebco rod/reel combo.

We will provide a cereal bar to up to 150 kids.

Fishing Contest 8-9 am

They will need many people to be officials to help measure and record the fish caught. The area will be spread out from the Dam to the boat dock. There are Trophies for the biggest fish, the smallest fish, and the most fish caught. Getting there earlier, may get you a better parking spot. Please be there by 7:30 am. This is where we will need the most help.

- Casting Contest 9-10am

The trophies are given out for the closest to the mark.

When this event concludes you will be done with the event. We will only need a few people to finish up.

Awards Ceremony 10 am - done

You will not need to stick around for the awards unless you want to. I will probably stick around to help clean up and you are more than welcome to stick around and help.

-June 13, is our June outing and this too is planned at the Binder Park Pavilion. John Walther will be preparing pulled pork for the main dish. It sure would be nice to know how many people are coming to the outing and what they might bring. You can let me know at one of the Tuesday gatherings before the June 13 outing. Otherwise, please reply by email, text, or phone. Be aware if you call between 6 am and 5 pm, I might not be able to answer. Please leave me a message. We will start setting up between 5 and 6 pm and start eating around 6 pm. There is a lot of area to fish. Binder has been hot lately and let's hopes that can continue into Mid-June.

-June 15, Visit to the VA Hospital in Columbia. It is always nice to have people as back up when other things come up. If you are available every once in a while to help please let Jerry Kemple know of your availability.

CLUB BANQUET

If you did not attend the last regular meeting or the May outing, you might not know that we set a date for the club banquet. It will be on August 5th at the American Legion Hall on Tanner Bridge Road. Tickets will be \$25 each. The typical menu would have Fried Chicken and Pot Roast as the main courses.

This is a member's only banquet and will not have as much fanfare as the fundraising banquet. We will have the traditional fly rod drawing for member participation. You will need to be present at the banquet to win the rod. It is a Sage Pulse 10ft 3Wt rod. We might have a couple other giveaways and/or raffle items.

Jack Kramer will be at next Tuesday's (May 30th) gathering to sell tickets. We ask that you do not wait until the last minute to get your tickets. There is a cut-off date to inform the kitchen how many will attend. We have always had great food at the American Legion.

Mark Van Patten Inducted into the National Freshwater Fishing Hall Of Fame

Many of you know Mark was a founding member of CCFF, founded the first MO Stream Team with the Rubidoux FF, and was the first Director of the Stream Team program for the MDC. He also had a TV program, "The Tying Bench", on the local PBS station for 19 seasons.

On Saturday May 13th four of us, Greg Curtin, Doug Grove, Jeff Holzem, and John Wenzlick traveled to the upper Current River resort Big Rock Candy Mountain to see Mark get inducted to the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame in Hayward, Wisconsin. One of their Directors came from Wisconsin to present the award to Mark. Mark's wife and sister were there and many friends were there to congratulate him. The ceremony started at 6:30 and was over by 7:00 and Mark was gone too because he had a houseful of relatives at home celebrating. We stayed although to eat dinner and listen to the

Bluegrass group that was playing on the same stage as Mark's induction.



Stream Team Update:

Doug Grove, MMTU President and CCFF member and I got to attend the Trout Unlimited Western Regional Rendezvous in Taos, NM. I was very impressed by the dedication and accomplishments of so many members. Since TU is a conservation organization, the sessions dealt with threats to trout from climate related disasters: fires, floods and droughts. TU does incredible work to help trout adapt to warming conditions. Another theme was responsible energy development to reduce emissions. This is a link to the agenda: <https://www.tu.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Western-Regional-Agenda-Web-4.27.pdf>.

There were a couple of success stories. Prior to 2006 Gila trout were endangered, but major conservation work allowed them to be down listed to threatened. Now limited fishing is allowed.

After a fire heavy rains fill streams with sediment, covering vegetation and clogging fish gills. If the trout cannot move to another part of the watershed that is not impacted, they do not survive. In some cases fish passage barriers designed to keep out non-native trout prevent migrations. However after a fire and before the flood 158 Gila trout were rescued sent to hatcheries and used to stock other streams with a new strain.

TU President & CEO - Chris Wood shared another great success story, Arizona's Apache Trout recovery. With help from TU and Native People the Apache Trout was removed from the endangered species list.

Water Quality Monitoring Certification Opportunity:

Level 2 and Validation trainings are combined starting Summer 2022.

Monitors attending Level 2 for the first time will complete an online training prior to attending the in-person certification. A link to online training will be emailed after registration.

The focus of the VWQM Level 2 training will be Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) procedures to improve the quality of volunteer data. At this training, water samples will be analyzed in the classroom by monitors using their program-issued equipment. Attendees will also improve aquatic invertebrate identification skills.

PREREQUISITES TO ATTEND LEVEL 2:

Completion of VWQM Level 1 and submission of two seasons of data including biological, water chemistry, visual survey, and stream discharge. Greg and Doug have completed the prerequisites and are eligible to register.

The training in Jefferson City will be July 29 and this is the link to register https://www.mostreamteam.org/assets/level2_schedule.pdf https://www.mostreamteam.org/assets/level2_schedule.pdf with Event Passcode DE59.

There are three websites for more information:

- *Training materials are available at <https://www.mostreamteam.org/training-materials-and-resources.html>*
- *Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/c/missouristreamteam>*
- *Macroinvertebrates: <https://www.macroinvertebrates.org/>*

Jeff Holzem

Stream Team Coordinator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

30 Informal Gathering at KOC – 6PM

June

1 Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO

3 Veterans Free Fishing Day – Maramec Spring Park

6 Informal Gathering

10 Kids Fishing Derby – Binder Park

10 Fly Fishing Clinic – Montauk State Park

10-11 Missouri free fishing days

13 Club Outing – Binder Park

15 Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO

20 Informal Gathering

27 Informal Gathering

July

27-29 Branson Fly Tying Expo - sponsored by MTFAs of Springfield/Branson (see flyer below)

August

5 CCFF Annual Banquet – American Legion

19 Kids Free Fishing Day – Roaring River State Park

September

9 Women's Fishing Day – Maramec Spring Park

15 & 16 FFI – Fly Tying Group – Branson, MO (see flyer below)

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The Branson Fly Fishing EXPO



2023



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Dates: July 27th (Noon-5PM)

July 28th (9AM-5PM)

July 29th (9AM-4PM)

Where: Branson-Hollister Lions Club, 1015 E. State Hwy 76, Branson MO,
approximately 1 mile east of Branson Landing.

We will have more than 70 fly tyers show casing their skills. Kids only fly-tying event on Saturday morning. Bucket raffles, silent auctions, live auctions and fly-tying contest. Fly casting instruction and demonstrations and for the kids, a special appearance from award winning comedian, Terry Sanders.

Please join us for three days of fly-fishing PANDEMONIUM!

*****Free Admission*****

See our Website: MTFA-Springfield.org



RENDEZVOUS 2023

SAVE THE DATE!

September 15 & 16, 2023

AUCTIONS AND FLY SWAPS

LEARN NEW TYING SKILLS

**SHARE YOUR PATTERNS AND
TECHNIQUES**

**MEET AND DINE WITH OLD AND NEW
FRIENDS**

FISH THE OZARKS!!!